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PERTINENT INFORMATION

Attachments are memos (1) Thomas J. Hughes to BfV, no date indicated  
(2) Robert J. Lashby to Hughes in reply, dtd 29 Jan 57

Sec RI/PI copy for attachments, which contain SCHUEBBER's comments on per-  
sonnel and organizational problems.

BRIEFLY:

1. Testimony of RADKE and GERKEN at JOHN trial undermined BfV's prestige; it was given despite S's prior warning to R and G.
2. ...D... is "only" an intelligence practitioner who doesn't understand broader problems and possesses neither organizational talent nor ability to evaluate character. Dept I, Admin., now under SCHUEBBER's control; he has gradually wrested control over admin and personnel matters from R; would gladly be rid of R.
3. S has implemented organizational changes effec. early Feb.; is bringing in competent, loyal personnel into staff key positions; believes some personnel too highly graded; new head of Admin Dept/Herbert POLENZ is competent, responsible official.
4. Another immediately important task is achievement of satisfactory relationships with the LfVs.
5. Control over BfV by intermediate levels of Fed Int Min must be discontinued.
6. Some decision must be made as to agency(ies) which shall be charged with personnel security investigations; S prefers giving up all BfV personnel security responsibilities rather than do half-a-job.
7. BfV must become "politically active" to ensure that timely info on subversives and subversive activity gets to right hands at right time.
8. Great deal of work to be done in C. field; attention must be given to public relations.

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